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Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

The relevance of Japanese published application No. 2001-93825 is discussed at page 5 of the present application. The relevance of Japanese published application No. 2000-173529 (which corresponds to Japanese application No. 10-363071) is discussed at page 3 of the present application.

An English language abstract of each of the non-English language documents is also provided.

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